To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 24, 2023, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

SB 551 Chapter 99

The President (By Request - Administration), et al

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION AND MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAYS – ESTABLISHED (SERVING EVERY REGION THROUGH VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; providing that the purpose of the Department is to promote service and volunteerism in the State; establishing the Secretary of Service and Civic Innovation and the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary; altering the provisions of the Maryland Corps Program, including requiring the Department to administer the Program; establishing the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway Fund; providing for the purposes, use, administration, and contents of the Fund; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

The Speaker

Chapter 100

STATE EMPLOYEES – PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS AND PROBATION AGENTS AND STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS

Establishing the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers; altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and the Maryland Police Officers Scholarship Program to include probation agents who work for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; establishing the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers Scholarship; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make awards from the Human Services Careers Scholarship Pilot Program in fiscal year 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 200

The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

Chapter 101

BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2024)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

HB 201 Chapter 102

The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2023, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, AND 2022

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,218,639,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

Chapter 103

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2023

Authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; repealing a certain required appropriation to the Revenue Stabilization Account; altering the areas in which certain faculty must specialize to be assigned to provide clinical care at the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center; reducing the budgeted Medicaid Deficit Assessment for fiscal year 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 386

Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 104

NATURAL RESOURCES – BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a licensing and regulatory scheme to allow the commercial fishing of blue and flathead catfish in the tidal waters of the State using a finfish trotline.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 80

Senator Bailey

Chapter 105

NATURAL RESOURCES – BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a licensing and regulatory scheme to allow the commercial fishing of blue and flathead catfish in the tidal waters of the State using a finfish trotline.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 974

Senator Bailey, et al

Chapter 106

STATE-OWNED NURSING HOMES – DEFICIENCIES, CITATIONS, AND FINES – CONTRACTOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring contractors operating State—owned nursing homes to promptly provide notice of certain deficiencies, enforcement actions, citations, and fines to the Governor, the State agency overseeing the nursing home, certain committees of the General Assembly, and members of the General Assembly who represent the district in which the nursing home is located; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Delegate Guzzone

Chapter 107

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – INSPECTION OF E–MAIL ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Altering the definition of "personal information" for purposes of certain provisions of the Public Information Act to include an individual's personal e-mail address; requiring certain custodians to deny inspection of certain records of personal e-mail addresses and telephone numbers except under certain circumstances; and requiring certain custodians to allow inspection of certain records of business e-mail addresses under the same circumstances as inspection of certain records of business addresses and telephone numbers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 716

Delegate Guzzone, et al

Chapter 108

MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – RETROACTIVE DENIAL OF REIMBURSEMENT – INFORMATION IN WRITTEN STATEMENT

Altering the information that must be included in a written statement provided by a managed care organization to a health care provider when retroactively denying reimbursement as a result of coordination of benefits.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 474

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 109

MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – RETROACTIVE DENIAL OF REIMBURSEMENT – INFORMATION IN WRITTEN STATEMENT

Altering the information that must be included in a written statement provided by a managed care organization to a health care provider when retroactively denying reimbursement as a result of coordination of benefits.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 707 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Chapter 110 Departmental – State Police)

PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL – PROBATIONARY STATUS AND PROMOTION

Requiring a certain deputy State fire marshal to be on probation for a period of 2 years after the date of appointment to the Office of the State Fire Marshal under certain circumstances; and specifying the pay that a certain deputy State fire marshal is entitled to on promotion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 720 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request - Chapter 111 Departmental - Labor)

HORSE RACING – EXTENSION OF MARYLAND HORSE RACING ACT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MARYLAND THOROUGHBRED RACETRACK OPERATING AUTHORITY

Extending the termination date of the Maryland Horse Racing Act from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2034; establishing the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority; establishing the Maryland Racing Operations Fund to assist the Authority in financing the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or other expenses for thoroughbred racetracks in the State; authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to transfer money from the Racing and Community Development Facilities Fund to the Maryland Racing Operations Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 524 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Chapter 112 Departmental – Stadium Authority)

MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – CAMDEN YARDS SPORTS FACILITIES FUNDS AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT FUND

Altering the membership of the Maryland Stadium Authority; establishing the Camden Yards Football Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund and the Camden Yards Baseball Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund to enable the Maryland Stadium Authority to take certain actions; requiring the Authority to administer the funds; altering the amount the Comptroller is required to distribute from the State Lottery Fund to certain funds; establishing the Bus Rapid Transit Fund to provide grants to eligible grantees; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 959 Senator Benson, et al

Chapter 113

HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND 529 PROGRAM – REFORM

Abolishing and repealing the Maryland 529 Board; specifying that the State Treasurer is the successor to the Maryland 529 Board; transferring to the Office of the State Treasurer the responsibility for administering the Maryland 529 Program, including the Maryland Prepaid College Trust, the Maryland College Investment Plan, the Maryland Broker–Dealer College Investment Plan, and the Maryland ABLE Program; authorizing and requiring the State Treasurer to take certain actions in administering the Maryland 529 Program; etc. EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 984 Delegate J. Lewis, et al

Chapter 114

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT

Consolidating and altering certain laws governing collective bargaining for certain public employees, including laws related to the establishment of bargaining units, election and certification of exclusive representatives, employee and employer rights, unfair labor practices, and strikes and lockouts; establishing the Public Employee Relations Board to oversee collective bargaining activities for certain public employees; etc.

Delegate Watson

Chapter 115

STATE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – INVESTMENT THRESHOLDS – ALTERATIONS

Repealing the limitations on investment in certain commercial paper in which the Treasurer may invest or reinvest certain unexpended or surplus funds; requiring the Treasurer to adopt regulations to establish a State investment policy with certain thresholds; and requiring the Treasurer to notify certain officials and governing bodies of certain local governmental units about the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 153 Chapter 116

Senator Augustine (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds)

STATE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – INVESTMENT THRESHOLDS – ALTERATIONS

Repealing the limitations on investment in certain commercial paper in which the Treasurer may invest or reinvest certain unexpended or surplus funds; requiring the Treasurer to adopt regulations to establish a State investment policy with certain thresholds; and requiring the Treasurer to notify certain officials and governing bodies of certain local governmental units about the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 395

Delegate White, et al

Chapter 117

STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE FACILITIES CHANGES AND CLOSURES – PROCEDURES

Requiring a principal department of the Executive Branch to give certain notice to the public, the General Assembly, and any exclusive representative with certain bargaining unit employees, hold a public hearing, submit a certain report, make the report publicly available, and allow the submission of certain comments before changing the use, purpose, or function of a State facility or closing a State facility. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 118

STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE FACILITIES CHANGES AND CLOSURES – PROCEDURES

Requiring a principal department of the Executive Branch to give certain notice to the public, the General Assembly, and any exclusive representative with certain bargaining unit employees and hold a public hearing before changing the use, purpose, or function of a State facility or closing a State facility; authorizing a government agency or judicial body that determines an emergency situation posing a certain health risk exists to modify the timelines required by the Act in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 770 Chapter 119

Delegate Atterbeary (By Request - Accountability and Implementation Board)

BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE – VARIOUS POLICIES AND PREKINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT AND FUNDING – ALTERATIONS

Delaying the school year by which a public school is required to collect a certain alternative income eligibility form until after the State Department of Education has adopted the form; altering the duties of an assistant principal on the career ladder; delaying the date on which county boards of education must select certain experts to write curriculum; altering the definition of a "Tier I child" who may be enrolled in a full—day prekindergarten program beginning in a certain school year to include children who are homeless; etc. EMERGENCY BILL

SB 239

Senator Feldman

Chapter 120

STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Establishing that the terms "spouse", "family", "immediate family", "dependent", and any other terms that denote a spousal relationship shall be construed to include a party to a domestic partnership for purposes of the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; and establishing that the provisions of the Program that apply to spouses shall apply to parties who have entered into a domestic partnership.

Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

Chapter 121

VEHICLE LAWS – HOV LANES – PLUG–IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES

Authorizing certain plug—in electric drive vehicles for which a permit has been issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration to use high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicles; requiring the Administration to charge a fee, not to exceed \$20, for issuing the permit; and requiring, on or before January 1 each year, a report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly on the effect of the use of the plug—in electric drive vehicle permits on the operation of HOV lanes. EMERGENCY BILL

HB 848

Delegate Rose

Chapter 122

DRINKING WATER – INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department of the Environment for the purpose of authorizing the regulated use of reclaimed water as a source for drinking water treatment facilities; providing for the issuance of potable reuse permits under the Pilot Program; applying certain public participation requirements to potable reuse permits; requiring the Department to submit a report on the status of the Pilot Program to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 407

Senators Ready and Hester

Chapter 123

DRINKING WATER – INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department of the Environment for the purpose of authorizing the regulated use of reclaimed water as a source for drinking water treatment facilities; providing for the issuance of potable reuse permits under the Pilot Program; applying certain public participation requirements to potable reuse permits; requiring the Department to submit a report on the status of the Pilot Program to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Carroll County Delegation

Chapter 124

TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY (CARROLL COUNTY AND FREDERICK COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Granting the Town of Mount Airy in Carroll County and Frederick County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers within an urban renewal area under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 313

Carroll County Senators

Chapter 125

TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY (CARROLL COUNTY AND FREDERICK COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Granting the Town of Mount Airy in Carroll County and Frederick County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers within an urban renewal area under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 695

Senator Jennings, et al

Chapter 126

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT

Authorizing members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive service credit at the rate of 4 months for each full year of attendance at a United States service academy that interrupts the member's employment, not to exceed a total of 16 months.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 395

Senator Bailey

Chapter 127

STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS – CREDITABLE SERVICE

Requiring the inclusion of all State service while an individual was employed by the State in the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial Branch of government for the purpose of determining eligibility for State retiree health benefits.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Delegate T. Morgan, et al

Chapter 128

STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS – CREDITABLE SERVICE

Requiring the inclusion of all State service while an individual was employed by the State in the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial Branch of government for the purpose of determining eligibility for State retiree health benefits.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 639

Senator Bailey

Chapter 129

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION REFORM ACT OF 2023

Altering certain provisions of law governing the Historic St. Mary's City Commission, including laws relating to membership of the Commission, appointment of certain officers, Commission meeting times, and duties; and specifying the process for the Commission to collaborate with an affiliated nonprofit organization.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 457

Senator Bailey

Chapter 130

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$56,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 677

Delegate Clippinger, et al

Chapter 131

PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II – APPROPRIATIONS – EXTENSION

Extending until fiscal year 2028 the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for the operation of the replica sailing vessel known as the Pride of Baltimore II.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Senator Hayes

Chapter 132

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICTS – LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN REFERENCES

Updating certain provisions of law regarding Baltimore City alcoholic beverages districts to refer to the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022; and requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to grant a certain exemption to certain persons under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 655

Delegate Clippinger

Chapter 133

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICTS – LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN REFERENCES

Updating certain provisions of law regarding Baltimore City alcoholic beverages districts to refer to the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022; and requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to grant a certain exemption to certain persons under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 445

Senator Hayes

Chapter 134

APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Expanding the forms of financial assistance available under the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program; altering eligibility requirements for projects that may receive financial assistance under the Program; altering the time period when applications may be submitted under the Program; repealing certain restrictions on the amount of financial assistance that may be provided under the Program; etc.

Delegate Amprey

Chapter 135

APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Expanding the forms of financial assistance available under the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program; altering eligibility requirements for projects that may receive financial assistance under the Program; altering the time period when applications may be submitted under the Program; repealing certain restrictions on the amount of financial assistance that may be provided under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 331

Senator Hayes

Chapter 136

BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – MEMBERSHIP AND PROCUREMENT

Altering the membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of State procurement law; and altering the report on the Authority's comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy the Authority is required to submit to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly to be due by December 15, 2023, to include any procurement activities undertaken by the Authority, and to be also submitted to the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 809

Delegate Harris, et al

Chapter 137

STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND REPORTS

Altering to July 1, 2025, the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to offshore wind projects and video lottery terminals; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.

Senator Hayes

Chapter 138

STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND REPORTS

Altering to July 1, 2025, the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to offshore wind projects and video lottery terminals; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 332

Senator Hayes

Chapter 139

MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 690

Delegate Edelson, et al

Chapter 140

MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1298

Delegate Chang

Chapter 141

PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT – ALTERATIONS

Amending certain prior authorizations of State Debt to alter the requirement that certain grantees provide certain matching funds; extending the termination date of certain grants; altering the authorized uses of certain grants; and changing the names of certain grantees.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 722 Chapter 142

Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE – REPEAL

Repealing the mandatory retirement age for the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the supervisor of assessments for a county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 719 Chapter 143

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)

PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE FUEL SECURITY PROGRAM

Establishing the State Fuel Security Program to be administered and enforced by the Maryland Energy Administration; applying the Program to motor gasoline, middle distillate, propane, certain residential fuel oil, and aviation gasoline; authorizing the Administration, in coordination with the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Information Technology, to collect, store, and disseminate certain energy—related data for a certain purpose and subject to certain requirements; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1300 Chapter 144

Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

FAMILY LAW – CHILD CARE – CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

Altering provisions relating to criminal background investigations for certain individuals who care for or supervise children; and requiring certain facilities to apply to the Central Repository for a national and State criminal history records check for each employee, employer, individual, or volunteer.

Delegate Woods, et al

Chapter 145

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – REPORTING

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to include an attestation that all units required to report are represented in its annual report beginning December 31, 2023; requiring the Office to conduct a certain periodic audit to ensure the accuracy of the attestation; requiring a certain annual report to be submitted to the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 151

Delegate Wells

Chapter 146

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – NOTIFICATION OF RENT INCREASES

Prohibiting a landlord from including a certain term in a lease pertaining to electronic delivery of the notice of a rent increase; requiring a landlord to notify a tenant in writing before increasing the tenant's rent through first—class mail or, if elected by the tenant, electronic delivery; requiring a county or municipality that adopts a certain local law related to limitations on rent increases to report annually certain information on building permits issued for multifamily dwellings intended as rental housing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 498

Delegate Korman

Chapter 147

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC COMMENT ACT

Requiring the Board of Public Works, for meetings held on or after October 1, 2024, to allow members of the public to submit certain public comments electronically except under certain circumstances; requiring public comments to be included in certain meeting materials and posted and retained online; and requiring an additional staff position at the Board to carry out requirements of the Act.

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 148

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC COMMENT ACT

Requiring the Board of Public Works, for meetings held on or after October 1, 2024, to allow members of the public to submit public comments on agenda items electronically except under certain circumstances; requiring public comments to be included in certain meeting materials and posted and retained online; and requiring an additional staff person at the Board to carry out requirements of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 58

Delegate Korman, et al

Chapter 149

OPEN MEETINGS ACT – STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (MARYLAND STATE AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023)

Establishing enhanced requirements under the Open Meetings Act for the State Ethics Commission; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to provide technical staff, support, and equipment necessary to livestream the open meetings of the State Ethics Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 35

Senator Kagan

Chapter 150

OPEN MEETINGS ACT – STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (MARYLAND STATE AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023)

Establishing enhanced requirements under the Open Meetings Act for the State Ethics Commission; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to provide the technical staff, support, and equipment necessary to live stream the open meetings of the State Ethics Commission.

Delegate Feldmark, et al

Chapter 151

ELECTION LAW – BALLOT ISSUANCE, PROCESSING, AND REPORTING PROCEDURES AND 2024 PRIMARY DATE

Requiring a local board of elections to send, not later than 43 days before an election, a ballot to voters who have made a request and qualify to vote by absentee ballot; altering the procedures for the canvassing of and curing of errors on absentee and provisional ballots; prohibiting the tabulation of absentee ballot vote totals before the polls close; requiring that the statewide primary election and the primary election for the municipal offices of Baltimore City in 2024 be held on the second Tuesday in May; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 379

Senator Kagan, et al

Chapter 152

ELECTION LAW – BALLOT ISSUANCE, PROCESSING, AND REPORTING PROCEDURES AND 2024 PRIMARY DATE

Requiring a local board of elections to send, not later than 43 days before an election, a ballot to voters who have made a request and qualify to vote by absentee ballot; altering the procedures for the canvassing of and curing of errors on absentee and provisional ballots; prohibiting the tabulation of absentee ballot vote totals before the polls open; requiring, in 2024, the statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City to be held on the second Tuesday in May; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 863

Senators Kagan and Simonaire

Chapter 153

STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Altering requirements for the removal from office of the State Administrator of Elections; and repealing the authority of the State Administrator to continue to serve in office until a successor is appointed and confirmed following a certain vote for removal of the State Administrator.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Senator Kagan

Chapter 154

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – GRANTS – PROMPT PAYMENT REQUIREMENT

Establishing invoicing and prompt payment requirements for certain State grants; defining "grant" as a legal instrument of financial assistance between a State grant—making entity and a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code that is used for certain purposes, distinguished from a cooperative agreement in a certain manner, and executed, renewed, or extended on or after June 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 328

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 155

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – GRANTS – PROMPT PAYMENT REQUIREMENT

Establishing invoicing and prompt payment requirements for certain State grants; requiring the State to make payment under certain grant agreements within 37 days of the payment becoming due under the agreement or after receiving a proper invoice; and authorizing interest accrual at the rate of 9% per year on any amount that is due and payable but remains unpaid after a certain time.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 1051

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 156

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DECISIONS OF THE STATE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE BOARD – APPEALS

Authorizing an applicant to appeal a certain decision issued by the State Public Information Compliance Board; authorizing a party aggrieved by a final judgment of a circuit court in a proceeding for judicial review of a certain decision of the Board to appeal to the Appellate Court of Maryland.

Delegate D. Jones, et al

Chapter 157

ELECTIONS – ELECTION JUDGES – MINIMUM COMPENSATION

Establishing a minimum training course compensation of \$50 and minimum daily compensation of \$250 for election judges for each election day and each early voting day actually served; requiring the State Board of Elections to reimburse each local board elections for \$50 of the extra compensation that is paid to each returning election judge; and requiring the State Board to develop and implement a marketing campaign to assist in the recruitment of individuals to serve as election judges.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 276

Delegate D. Jones, et al

Chapter 158

EDUCATION - LIBRARIES - FUNDING

Providing certain funding for each county public library system for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 205

Senator King, et al

Chapter 159

EDUCATION - LIBRARIES - FUNDING

Providing certain funding for each county public library system for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 735 Chapter 160

Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – FACILITIES – BONDING AUTHORITY AND SALE

Approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; approving the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland in a total principal amount of \$25,000,000 for financing the projects; providing that the bonds are not a debt or obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions; and authorizing the Board of Regents to approve the use of money received from the sale of certain property for operating expenses at certain campuses.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Delegate Tomlinson, et al

Chapter 161

STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL PROCUREMENT – DEFINITION

Increasing certain dollar thresholds of spending for the purposes of defining "small procurement" for State procurement contracts. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 509

Delegate Tomlinson, et al

Chapter 162

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – PUBLICATION OF RESULTS ON WEBSITE

Requiring the State Board of Elections to publish municipal election results on its website immediately after a municipality submits its election results; and requiring, within 30 days after the results of a municipal election are certified, the municipality to submit to the State Board an electronic copy of the election results for each office or question voted on at the election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 287

Senators Gallion and Carozza

Chapter 163

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – PUBLICATION OF RESULTS ON WEBSITE

Requiring the State Board of Elections to publish municipal election results on its website immediately after a municipality submits its election results; and requiring, withing 30 days after the results of a municipal election are certified, the municipality to submit to the State Board an electronic copy of the election results for each office or question voted on at the election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 240

Delegates Otto and Anderton

Chapter 164

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SPECIAL DEATH BENEFITS – APPLICABILITY

Authorizing an application for special death benefits to be made for the death of certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Senator Carozza, et al

Chapter 165

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SPECIAL DEATH BENEFITS – APPLICABILITY

Authorizing an application for special death benefits to be made for the death of members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who were correctional officers who died by homicide after June 1, 2001, were members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, and whose death was determined to have arisen out of or in the course of the actual performance of the officers' duties.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 192

Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

Chapter 166

CURRENCY – CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROHIBITIONS – DISCLOSURES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Prohibiting certain persons subject to campaign finance regulation from making or accepting monetary contributions or monetary donations using any currency other than United States currency; prohibiting a campaign finance entity or a person acting on behalf of a campaign finance entity from making a monetary expenditure using any currency other than United States currency; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections or the Administrator's designee to investigate certain potential violations of the Act; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 269

Senator Rosapepe, et al

Chapter 167

CURRENCY – CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROHIBITIONS – DISCLOSURES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Prohibiting certain persons subject to campaign finance regulation from making or accepting monetary contributions or monetary donations using any currency other than United States currency; prohibiting a campaign finance entity or a person acting on behalf of a campaign finance entity from making a monetary expenditure using any currency other than United States currency; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections or the Administrator's designee to investigate potential violations of the Act; etc.

Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 168

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP 2030 COMMISSION AND REPRESENTATION ON THE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Requiring that the Apprenticeship and Training Council and consultants to the Council include representation by individuals who are Asian, Black, and Latino; establishing the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission to examine and make recommendations to expand access to apprenticeships to reduce skill shortages in high-demand occupations and provide affordable training for career pathways for young people; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 782

Senator Hester

Chapter 169

STATE PROCUREMENT – PURCHASING – COMPOST, MULCH, AND SOIL AMENDMENTS AND AGGREGATE

Requiring each unit of State government to include certain specifications for certain products produced from recycled or organic materials when establishing procurement specifications for compost, mulch, or other soil amendments or aggregate; and requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee to establish specifications for purchasing of compost, mulch, or other soil amendments or aggregates produced from certain materials and publish and maintain the specification online for use by State agencies.

Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 170

STATE PROCUREMENT – PURCHASING – COMPOST, MULCH, AND SOIL AMENDMENTS AND AGGREGATE

Requiring each unit of State government to include certain specifications for certain products produced from recycled or organic materials when establishing procurement specifications for compost, mulch, or other soil amendments or aggregate; requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee to establish certain specifications for purchasing of compost, mulch, or other soil amendments or aggregates produced from certain materials and publish and maintain the specifications online for use by State agencies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 2

Senator Hester

Chapter 171

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARDS – THEFT OF BENEFITS (PREVENT ELECTRONIC BENEFITS THEFT ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of Human Services to reimburse a beneficiary for any benefits lost due to theft; authorizing certain households to request a certain hearing within 90 days after a certain determination; requiring the State to give preference to certain vendors in the procurement process for electronic benefits distribution or administration; authorizing the Department to restore benefits to any household that lost benefits due to theft occurring during a certain time period under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Delegates R. Lewis and Watson

Chapter 172

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARDS – THEFT OF BENEFITS (PREVENT ELECTRONIC BENEFITS THEFT ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of Human Services to restore to a beneficiary any benefits lost due to theft; authorizing certain households to request a hearing within 90 days after a certain determination; requiring the State to give preference to certain vendors in the procurement process for electronic benefits distribution or administration; authorizing the Department to restore certain benefits; requiring the Department to take certain actions to reduce the vulnerability of Electronic Benefits Transfer cards to theft; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 783

Senator Hester

Chapter 173

PRESERVATION AND REUSE OF HISTORIC COMPLEXES STUDY AND ALTERATIONS TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CATALYTIC REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

Allowing multiple final tax certificates to be issued for a catalytic revitalization project in certain circumstances; and requiring the Smart Growth Subcabinet to study Maryland's historic complexes and make recommendations about an implementation plan to address the preservation and reuse of historic complexes in the State on or before December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 150

Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 174 HOL

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ADAPTIVE REUSE

Establishing that adaptive reuse, retrofitting, and repurposing of existing buildings to develop new affordable multifamily housing is an eligible use of certain financial assistance provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to notify applicants for certain financial assistance that adaptive reuse is an eligible use of funds; and providing that the notice requirement does not apply to individuals applying for loans from the Department that are not focused on housing.

Senators Waldstreicher and Hettleman

Chapter 175

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ADAPTIVE REUSE

Establishing that adaptive reuse, retrofitting, and repurposing of existing buildings to develop new affordable multifamily housing is an eligible use of certain financial assistance provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development; and requiring the Department to notify applicants for certain financial assistance that adaptive reuse is an eligible use of funds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 746

Senator Folden

Chapter 176

MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES – RELOCATION PLANS AND SALES OF COMMUNITIES (MANUFACTURED HOUSING MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023)

Altering requirements relating to relocation plans for mobile home parks residents who will be dislocated as a result of the change in land use of a park; requiring the owner of a manufactured housing community, 60 days prior to entering into a contract to sell the community, to provide notice of the terms of the offer to homeowners in the community, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the appropriate housing agency, and to provide the homeowners with the opportunity to purchase the community; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 23

Delegate Stewart

Chapter 177

MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES – RELOCATION PLANS AND SALES OF COMMUNITIES (MANUFACTURED HOUSING MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023)

Altering requirements relating to relocation plans for mobile home parks to require a plan for park residents who will be dislocated as a result of the change in land use; requiring the owner, 60 days prior to entering into a contract to sell the community, to provide notice of the terms of the offer to homeowners in the community and provide them the opportunity to purchase the housing community; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to list certain agencies to assist homeowners with the purchase of a community; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Senators Sydnor and Carter

Chapter 178

BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Task Force to study approaches to water and wastewater governance in the Baltimore region; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before January 30, 2024.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 843

Delegate Smith, et al

Chapter 179

BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Task Force to study approaches to water and wastewater governance in the Baltimore region; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before January 30, 2024.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 92

Delegate Holmes

Chapter 180

GROUND LEASES – COLLECTION OF RENT, INTEREST, FEES, AND OTHER EXPENSES – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that ground leases or amendments that are not posted on the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's website are not considered registered or amended; prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting or attempting to collect rent, late fees, interest, collection costs, and other expenses related to a ground lease unless the ground lease is registered with the Department; etc.

Senators Sydnor and Hayes

Chapter 181

GROUND LEASES - COLLECTION OF RENT, INTEREST, FEES, AND OTHER EXPENSES – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that ground leases or amendments that are not posted on the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's website are not considered registered or amended; prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting or attempting to collect rent, late fees, interest, collection costs, and other expenses related to a ground lease unless the ground lease is registered with the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 196

Senators Sydnor and Hayes

Chapter 182

RESIDENTIAL GROUND LEASES REDEMPTION AND EXTINGUISHMENT – REQUIREMENTS

Repealing the prohibition against a tenant who is seeking to redeem or extinguish ground rent providing certain documentation and payments to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation earlier than 90 days after an application for redemption or extinguishment has been posted on the Department's website. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 93

Delegate Holmes

Chapter 183

RESIDENTIAL GROUND LEASES REDEMPTION AND EXTINGUISHMENT - REQUIREMENTS

Repealing the prohibition against a tenant who is seeking to redeem or extinguish ground rent providing certain documentation and payments to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation earlier than 90 days after an application for redemption or extinguishment has been posted on the Department's website.

Delegate Holmes

Chapter 184

GROUND LEASES – NOTICES AND BILLING – FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS

Prohibiting a leasehold tenant of an unregistered ground lease from being required to hold more than 3 years of ground rent in escrow; requiring a ground lease holder to mail certain notices or bills to a leasehold tenant in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to make available on its website the form a ground lease holder must use to provide a leasehold tenant bills or notices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 194

Senators Sydnor and Hayes

Chapter 185

GROUND LEASES – NOTICES AND BILLING – FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS

Prohibiting a leasehold tenant of an unregistered ground lease from being required to hold more than 3 years of ground rent in escrow; requiring a ground lease holder to mail certain notices or bills to a leasehold tenant in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to make available on its website the form a ground lease hold holder must use to provide to a leasehold tenant a certain notice; requiring a ground lease transferee to send notice of a transfer within 30 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 98

Delegate Arentz

Chapter 186

CONDOMINIUMS – MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the types of elements and units for which a council of unit owners is required to maintain certain property insurance and altering certain requirements for the property insurance policy; and requiring owners of detached units to carry homeowners insurance on the entirety of the unit.

Delegate Hornberger

Chapter 187

MARYLAND ELECTRICIANS ACT – REVISIONS

Altering the entity that must administer or approve an apprenticeship program for electricians; substituting the term "uninsured" for the term "inactive" in certain provisions of law relating to liability insurance requirements for certain electricians; prohibiting a certain electrician from contracting to provide electrical services unless the electrical work is covered by certain liability insurance; specifying who is authorized and required to purchase certain insurance; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 791

Delegate Hornberger, et al

Chapter 188

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Authorizing membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for certain emergency medical technicians under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 368

Senator Jackson, et al

Chapter 189

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM - MEMBERSHIP - EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Authorizing membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for certain emergency medical technicians under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 641

Senator Jackson

Chapter 190

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – CITY OF BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT – TRANSFERS AND PURCHASES OF SERVICE

Authorizing a transfer of service credit to, and a purchase of service credit in, the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for local law enforcement officers of the City of Bowie Police Department hired on or after January 1, 2007, and not later than December 31, 2015, under certain circumstances.

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 191

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – EARNABLE COMPENSATION, NONVESTED FORMER MEMBERS, AND IMMEDIATE VESTING

Specifying that the definition of "earnable compensation" does not include certain payments; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to pay a nonvested former member's accumulated contributions to the nonvested former member's designated beneficiary or estate if the nonvested former member dies before withdrawing the member's contributions; providing a list of individuals who immediately vest on taking certain offices; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 541

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 192

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – EARNABLE COMPENSATION, NONVESTED FORMER MEMBERS, AND IMMEDIATE VESTING

Specifying that the definition of "earnable compensation" does not include certain payments requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to pay a nonvested former member's accumulated contributions to the nonvested former member's designated beneficiary or estate if the nonvested former member dies before withdrawing the member's contributions; and providing a list of individuals who immediately vest on taking certain offices.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 803

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 193

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM - ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Altering the method by which administrative fees for participants in the State Retirement and Pension System are calculated by and remitted to the State Retirement and Pension System; and requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to provide certain notice to local participating employers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 194

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM - ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Altering the method by which administrative fees for participants in the State Retirement and Pension System are calculated by and remitted to the State Retirement and Pension System; and requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to provide certain notice to local participating employers. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 466

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 195

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AMORTIZATION OF UNFUNDED LIABILITIES AND SURPLUSES

Altering the amortization periods to be used for certain unfunded liabilities or surpluses of the State Retirement and Pension System. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 804 Chapter 196

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AMORTIZATION OF UNFUNDED LIABILITIES AND SURPLUSES

Altering the amortization periods to be used for certain unfunded liabilities or surpluses of the State Retirement and Pension System. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 527

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 197

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP - MODIFICATIONS

Making certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System eligible to receive creditable service at retirement for unused sick leave accrued by the member in the State Employees' Retirement System or State Employees' Pension System; and requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain individuals' Employees' Retirement System or Employees' Pension System service to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System on June 30, 2024.

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 198

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP - MODIFICATIONS

Making certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System eligible to receive creditable service at retirement for unused sick leave accrued by the member in the State Employees' Retirement System or State Employees' Pension System; and requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain individuals' Employees' Retirement System or Employees' Pension System service to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System on June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 601

Delegate Forbes

Chapter 199

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM, AND JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT – SAME–SEX SPOUSES

Authorizing the correction of the designated beneficiary election for certain retirees of the State Police Retirement System, Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, or Judges' Retirement System who retired on or before December 31, 2012, if the retiree named an individual of the same sex to be a designated beneficiary and the retiree married the designated beneficiary on or after January 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 454

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 200

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM, AND JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT – SAME–SEX SPOUSES

Authorizing the correction of the designated beneficiary election for certain retirees of the State Police Retirement System, Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, or Judges' Retirement System who retired on or before December 31, 2012, if the retiree named an individual of the same sex to be a designated beneficiary and the retiree married the designated beneficiary on or after January 1, 2013.

Senators Elfreth and Feldman

Chapter 201

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS – PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (BUY CLEAN MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring producers of eligible materials to submit environmental product declarations to the Department of General Services by December 31, 2024; requiring the Department to assess and establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials used in certain eligible projects; requiring a unit of State government to specify the eligible materials that will be used in an eligible project in the solicitation for an eligible project; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 261

Chapter 202

Delegate Kerr, et al

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS – PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (BUY CLEAN MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring producers of any cement or concrete mixture used in the construction of an eligible project to submit environmental product declarations to the Department of General Services by December 31, 2024; requiring the Department to establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials by January 1, 2026; establishing an Environmental Product Declaration Assistance Fund to support the development of certain environmental product declarations; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 425

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 203

MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST – HISTORIC PRESERVATION LOAN FUND – QUALIFIED COOPERATING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – TRANSFERS

Altering the uses of the Historic Preservation Loan Fund; and authorizing the Maryland Historic Trust to transfer funds from the Fund to a qualified cooperating nonprofit organization for certain purposes.

Delegate Watson

Chapter 204

MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST – HISTORIC PRESERVATION LOAN FUND – QUALIFIED COOPERATING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – TRANSFERS

Altering the uses of the Historic Preservation Loan Fund; and authorizing the Maryland Historic Trust to transfer funds from the Fund to a qualified cooperating nonprofit organization to pay for the acquisition, restoration, or rehabilitation of certain historic properties, to provide loans for the acquisition, rehabilitation, restoration, or refinancing of certain properties, and for necessary administrative and programmatic expenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 514

Senator Lam, et al

Chapter 205

LOCAL PROCUREMENTS – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PROGRAMS – CERTIFICATION

Requiring that a county or municipality that operates a minority business enterprise utilization program for county or municipal procurements and has a process for the certification of minority business enterprises shall accept as certified a person that holds a certification as a minority business enterprise by the State certification agency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 773

Senator Lam

Chapter 206

STATE PROCUREMENT – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES – POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Board of Public Works, in consultation with the Procurement Improvement Council, to publish a model policy on or before January 1, 2024, concerning the inclusion and use of liquidated damages provisions in procurement contracts; requiring a unit of State government to adopt a written policy that is substantially similar to the Board's policy; requiring a unit that decides not to include a liquidated damages clause under certain circumstances to obtain the approval of the head of unit; etc.

Delegate Charkoudian

Chapter 207

SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS – ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll households, based on certain eligibility, in any fuel and utility assistance program; and altering the eligibility requirements for the electric universal service program to provide assistance to customers with annual incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

HB 444

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 208

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS – LOW–INCOME HOUSING PG 403–23

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with an owner of real property that is used for low—income housing that is financed through the county's Right of First Refusal program or acquired, constructed, or rehabilitated for the purposes of operating the low—income housing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 825

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 209

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR BLIGHT CLEARANCE PG 410–23

Granting the Town of Forest Heights in Prince George's County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers in areas zoned for commercial use for blight clearance and redevelopment under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

Senator Muse

Chapter 210

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR BLIGHT CLEARANCE

Granting the Town of Forest Heights in Prince George's County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers in areas zoned for commercial use for blight clearance and redevelopment under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 608

Delegate Lehman, et al

Chapter 211

 $\begin{array}{l} HUMAN\ RELATIONS-HOUSING\ DISCRIMINATION-SERVICE\\ DOGS \end{array}$

Prohibiting a person from discriminating in the sale or rental of, or otherwise making unavailable or denying, a dwelling to an individual with a disability who has, obtains, or retains a certain service dog. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 535

Senator James, et al

Chapter 212

 $\begin{array}{ll} HUMAN \; RELATIONS - HOUSING \; DISCRIMINATION - SERVICE \\ DOGS \end{array}$

Prohibiting a person from discriminating in the sale or rental of, or otherwise making unavailable or denying, a dwelling to an individual with a disability who has, obtains, or retains a certain service dog; and defining "service dog" as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

Delegate Phillips, et al

Chapter 213

PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND VETERAN–OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL SCORECARD

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to develop a scorecard to evaluate units of State government on the units' performance toward meeting certain participation goals under the Minority Business Enterprise Program and the Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise Program; establishing a certain grading scale for the scorecard; and requiring grades achieved by each unit to be published each year on the Office's website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 510

Senator Ellis

Chapter 214

PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND VETERAN–OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL SCORECARD

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to develop a scorecard to evaluate units of State government on the units' performance toward meeting certain participation goals under the Minority Business Enterprise Program and the Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise Program; establishing a certain grading scale for the scorecard; and requiring grades achieved by each unit to be published each year on the Office's website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1111

Delegates Phillips and Ebersole

Chapter 215

BALTIMORE COUNTY – INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF GUARANTEE FOR COUNTY BOND REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing Baltimore County to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by certain associations or on behalf of certain contractors in order to satisfy certain county bond requirements; and providing that Baltimore County is not required under certain provisions of law to honor certain certificates of guarantee.

Delegates Pasteur and Holmes

Chapter 216

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish and maintain a website that provides certain information on the rights and responsibilities of individuals living in a common ownership community.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 382

Delegate Kipke, et al

Chapter 217

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG CLAIMS – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Prescription Drug Affordability Board jointly to study certain information regarding the payment of prescription drug claims under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program during calendar years 2021 and 2022 and how to address certain inconsistencies; and requiring the Department and the Board to report the findings of the study to the Maryland Medicaid Administration and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 31, 2023.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 693

Delegate Kipke, et al

Chapter 218

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – BOARD MEMBERSHIP, DELEGATED PHARMACY ACTS, AND SUNSET EXTENSION

Altering the membership of the State Board of Pharmacy to include a registered pharmacy technician; authorizing a licensed pharmacist, under certain circumstances, to delegate the entry of certain data into databases or patient charts to be performed at a remote location to a registered pharmacy technician and a registered pharmacy intern; prohibiting registered pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees from making decisions requiring the professional judgment of a pharmacist; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Delegate Kipke, et al

Chapter 219

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – DENTAL SERVICES – SURVEY AND REGIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association, to conduct a survey of hospitals to identify the availability of hospital operating resources for dentist use; requiring the Department and the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association, to develop regional plans to ensure the availability of appropriate operating space for the performance of dental procedures for Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; etc. EMERGENCY BILL

HB 529

Delegates Rosenberg and Attar

Chapter 220

GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS AND PIMLICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP – BALTIMORE CITY

Altering the distribution of certain funds from local impact grants to Baltimore City; and altering the appointment process for certain members of the Pimlico Community Development Authority. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 410

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 221

ELECTIONS – POLLING PLACE PLAN, PROHIBITED ACTS, AND 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION DATE

Prohibiting a local board of elections from voting to change the location of a polling place without first holding a meeting to discuss the proposed change and providing an opportunity for individuals and organizations to testify; requiring each local board to submit a polling place plan to the State Board of Elections at least 6 months prior to each statewide primary election; altering the date of the 2024 statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City to the second Tuesday in May; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Delegate Kelly, et al

Chapter 222

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – SUNSET EXTENSION, LICENSURE EXCEPTIONS, AND BOARD OPERATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Continuing the State Board of Nursing in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the exceptions to the registered nurse and licensed practical nurse licensure requirements; providing that, for a certain period of time, the Secretary of Health, rather than the Board, has authority over the infrastructure operations of the Board; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 960

Senator Kelly

Chapter 223

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – SUNSET EXTENSION, LICENSURE EXCEPTIONS, AND BOARD OPERATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Continuing the State Board of Nursing in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the exceptions to the registered nursing and licensed practical nurse licensure requirements; providing that, for a certain period of time, the Secretary of Health, rather than the Board, has authority over the infrastructure operations of the Board; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1272

Delegates Bagnall and Rosenberg

Chapter 224

MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ENFORCEMENT – SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date by 2 years for certain provisions of law relating to Maryland Insurance Commissioner enforcement duties regarding administrative services organizations that administer a certain delivery system for specialty mental health services.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 732 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Chapter 225 Disabilities)

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – STATE COORDINATOR FOR AUTISM STRATEGY AND MARYLAND COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES – ALTERATIONS

Transferring the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy to the Department of Disabilities; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs; and altering the membership of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities to add one individual with a traumatic brain injury. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 708 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Chapter 226 Departmental – Health)

PUBLIC HEALTH – YOUTH CAMPS, DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROGRAMS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for criminal history records checks for certain youth camp applicants; requiring that the Department issue a certain written determination to a youth camp within 3 business days; repealing the authority of youth development organizations and programs to request from the Department a determination of whether the results of a criminal history records check would prohibit the hiring of a job applicant; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1274 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Chapter 227 Departmental – Health)

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS LIMITATION – COVID–19 EXEMPTION

Exempting a certain retiree of the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems from a certain earnings limitation when the retiree is reemployed by a certain previous employer for a certain time period to assist with the administration of federally funded grants or projects related to the COVID–19 pandemic; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to January 1, 2020. EMERGENCY BILL

Senator M. Washington

Chapter 228

SOCIAL WORKERS – SUNSET EXTENSION, NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETE APPLICATION, AND WORKGROUP ON SOCIAL WORKER REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

Continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; establishing the Workgroup on Social Worker Requirements for Licensure to make certain findings and recommendations regarding examination and licensure of social workers in the State; requiring the Workgroup to submit its final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 249

Delegates Addison and Young

Chapter 229

BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX – RETROACTIVE EXEMPTION

Authorizing a person who applies for certain property tax exemptions for real property in Baltimore City to request that the exemption be applied retroactively for up to 3 taxable years, subject to certain requirements; requiring Baltimore City and the State to pay a refund of excess real property taxes paid due to a retroactive exemption that is granted; and requiring the Baltimore City Department of Finance to submit a report on the number of requests made and the amounts refunded by December 1 each year from 2023 to 2027.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 41

Senator McCray

Chapter 230

Authorizing a person who applies for certain property tax exemptions for real property in Baltimore City to request that the exemption be applied retroactively for up to 3 taxable years, subject to certain requirements; requiring Baltimore City and the State to pay a refund of excess real property taxes paid due to a retroactive exemption that is granted; and requiring the Baltimore City Department of Finance to submit a report on the number of requests made and the amounts refunded by December 1 each year from 2023 to 2027.

EMERGENCY BILL

Delegate Solomon

Chapter 231

STATE PERSONNEL – EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Authorizing a certain employee or certain exclusive representative to initiate a grievance procedure under certain provisions of law; requiring certain decision makers in a grievance procedure in certain higher education systems to award certain damages under certain circumstances; requiring certain employee grievance procedures to include certain redress for certain violations; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to be consistent with certain provisions of law and include redress for certain violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 79

Senator Kramer

Chapter 232

STATE PERSONNEL – EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Authorizing a certain employee or certain exclusive representative to initiate a grievance procedure under certain provisions of law; requiring certain decision makers in a grievance procedure in certain higher education systems to award certain damages under certain circumstances; requiring regulations adopted by the Secretary of Transportation to be consistent with certain provisions of law and include redress for certain violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 424

Delegate Simpson, et al

Chapter 233

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – NONVESTED ACCOUNTS – REGULAR INTEREST

Requiring a certain rate of interest on certain member contributions in active members' nonvested accounts in the State Retirement and Pension System if the members have not withdrawn contributions from the nonvested accounts and are not eligible to receive a certain vested allowance; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Senators Lewis Young and Benson

Chapter 234

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – NONVESTED ACCOUNTS – REGULAR INTEREST

Requiring a certain rate of interest on certain member contributions in active members' nonvested accounts in the State Retirement and Pension System if the members have not withdrawn contributions from the nonvested accounts and are not eligible to receive a certain vested allowance; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 574

Senators Lewis Young and Salling

Chapter 235

STATE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS – PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND HARASSMENT – COMPLAINTS

Authorizing an applicant for State employment or a State employee to file a complaint alleging harassment by an employer within 2 years after the alleged violation that is the basis of the complaint; and increasing, from 30 days to 1 year, the period of time for an applicant or employee to file a complaint alleging certain prohibited personnel actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 309

Delegate Simpson, et al

Chapter 236

STATE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS – PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND HARASSMENT – COMPLAINTS

Authorizing an applicant for State employment or a State employee to file a complaint alleging harassment by an employer within 2 years after the alleged violation that is the basis of the complaint; and increasing, from 30 days to 1 year, the period of time for an applicant or employee to file a complaint alleging certain prohibited personnel actions.

Baltimore City Delegation

Chapter 237

BALTIMORE CITY – INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF GUARANTEE FOR COUNTY BOND REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing Baltimore City to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by certain associations or on behalf of certain contractors in order to satisfy certain county bond requirements; and providing that Baltimore City is not required under certain provisions of law to honor certain certificates of guarantee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 377

Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 238

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT – PROCUREMENT MC 15–23

Increasing the threshold amount above which the Friendship Heights Village Council is prohibited from entering into a certain contract without a competitive bidding process; and authorizing the village council, by majority vote, to enter into a certain contract that exceeds the \$20,000 threshold amount without a competitive bidding process if the procurement is in response to an emergency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 778 Chapter 239

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BICOUNTY AGENCIES – COMMISSIONER DISCIPLINE, DISCLOSURES, TRAINING, AND ETHICS MC/PG 105–23

Authorizing a bicounty commissioner and an applicant for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to submit certain financial statements to the Montgomery County Council electronically; authorizing the Council to discipline a Montgomery County commissioner under certain circumstances; prohibiting a Montgomery County commissioner from engaging in certain political activities while serving on the Commission; prohibiting the chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board from engaging in certain employment; etc.

HB 783 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Chapter 240 Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PROGRAM – REVISIONS AND EXTENSION MC/PG 101–23

Revising the minority business enterprise utilization program within the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, including altering the definition of "minority business enterprise", altering the duties of the Office of Supplier Diversity and Inclusion, and merging the program for design/build and construction contracts with the program for the procurement of goods and services; extending until July 1, 2028, provisions relating to procurement from minority business enterprises by the Commission; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 872 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Chapter 241 Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SERVICE NEAR REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICTS AND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CONTRACTS MC/PG 111–23

Authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into contracts with the District of Columbia or the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a water supply, sewer, or drainage system for certain property located within a certain distance of a certain mass transit rail station and a regional transit district or neighborhood center in Prince George's County; and requiring that a contract entered into under the Act include and address certain items.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 526 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 242

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – TRANSFER OF CHILD SUPPORT UNIT AND PERSONNEL TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION

Transferring all the functions, powers, and duties of the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County and certain personnel to the Child Support Administration of the Department of Human Services.

Washington County Senators

Chapter 243

WASHINGTON COUNTY - SHERIFF'S SALARY - ALTERATION

Altering the salary of the Washington County Sheriff to be 90% of the salary of the State's Attorney of Washington County; and repealing the requirement for the Washington County Salary Study Commission to study and issue a report that contains recommendations relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Sincerely,

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